

Look Out, Jeremy Bean! Alice Schertle, illustrated by David Slonim. Chronicle Books, 2011

1. **Summary:** In Alice Schertle's funny and adventurous book, readers follow along Jeremy bean's problems and situations. With the help of his grandpa, friends, and his own imagination, Jeremy comes up with some unusual solutions to his problems.
2. **Awards:** none yet.
3. **Book Review: School Library Journal:** "Grade 1–3—Three short stories introduce Jeremy Bean. He is frustrated because he can't come up with a collection that no other kid has until his grandfather gives him inspiration, he tries to capture the elusive "dust bunnies" and ends up getting a real pet, and forgets to wear green on St. Patrick's Day. Jeremy tries to do his best but sometimes his best gets him into silly and not-so-silly situations, like being locked in the janitor's closet. Youngsters will empathize with the everyday occurrences in these funny, totally childlike tales. Slonim's black-and-white cartoon illustrations capture the flavor of the stories and feature a boy with wide eyes and freckles. A fine choice for beginning-chapter-book collections."—*Carrie Rogers-Whitehead, Kearns Library, UT* Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.<http://www.amazon.com/Jeremy-Bean-Alice-Schertle/dp/0811856097>
4. **Author's Webpage location:** <http://www.chroniclebooks.com/titles/look-out-jeremy-bean-6086.html>
5. **Illustrator's Webpage Location:** <http://www.davidslonim.com>
6. **Discussion Questions:**
 - a. Before Reading:
 - i. What are some of your fears?
 - ii. What are some solutions to your own problems?
 - iii. What do you think this book is about? Discuss it with your table.
 - b. During Reading:
 - i. What do you think Jeremy's collection will be? (p.18)
 - ii. What do you think is a Dust Bunny? (p. 37)
 - iii. What would you wear on St. Patrick's Day? (p. 49)
 - c. After Reading:
 - i. What is something you collect?
 - ii. What are some foods that you eat on certain holidays?
 - iii. What steps can you come up with for effective problem solving solutions?
7. **Activities:**
 - a. Reading/Oral Language: Tell of some stories that you have collected/remember, just like Jeremy Bean.
 - b. Writing: Write a brief poem about overcoming fears.
 - c. Science: Sprout seeds
<http://www.allmylittlegems.com/2012/04/preschool-ideas-for-teaching-plants.html>

- d. Math: St. Patrick's Day adding fun
<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/531002612284830356/>
 - e. Art: Create your own bunnies.
<http://mylittle3andme.co.uk/make-a-paper-plate-easter-bunny-mask/>
 - f. Cooking Food: Make your own green foods for St. Patrick's Day.
<http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Irish-Shamrock-Cookies/Detail.aspx>
 - g. Technology: Take an online quiz, reviewing the book.
 - h. Music: Create a song that goes to the music of a St. Patrick's day song.
<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/277604764503452315/>
 - i. Physical Education: Play a game of tag, making the "tagger" the dust bunny.
8. **Related Books:** *Creepy Carrots!* By Aaron Reynolds and Peter Brown, *Where the Wild Things* are by Maurice Sendak, *Mr. Wuffles!* By David Wiesner and *The Chalk Box Kid* by Clyde Robert Bulla.
9. **Other Books by Alice Schertle:** The Little Blue Truck series, *Button Up!*, *All You Need for a Snowman*, *Down the Road*, *Very Hairy Bear*, *All You Need for a Beach*, and more.
10. **Other Books by David Slonim:** *I Loathe You*, *He Came with the Couch*, *Patch*, and many more.
11. **Websites:**
- a. Look out, Jeremy Bean! subjects: This website gives an idea of the specific topics discussed within Schertle's book.
<http://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=18789>
 - b. Old Lady Who Swallowed A Clover: This game and activity is appropriate for the classroom, and is just one of the great games taken from Pinterest.
<http://livelovelaughkindergarten.blogspot.com/2012/02/old-lady-who-swallowed-clover-freebie.html>
 - c. St Patrick's Day Classroom Snacks: This website has just a few versions of snacks that can be used to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.
<http://www.teachjunkie.com/holidays/st-patricks-day-classroom-snacks/>
 - d. Capture the Gold Dice Game for K-2: This game is another of the many bridging from the Pinterest website.
<http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Capture-the-Gold-Dice-Game-for-K-2-218150>